

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 10 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, and 8-9 have been cancelled. After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 10-11 are currently pending. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

In pg. 5 of the Action, the subject matter of claims 2-3, 5-6, and 9 was indicated to be allowable over the prior art. In response, Applicant formally recognizes the allowable subject matter of claims 2-3, 5-6, and 9.

In view of the allowable subject matter, base claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2; claim 4 has been amended in independent form to include the subject matter of base claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 5; independent claim 7 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 9 and the subject matter of intervening claim 8; and independent claim 10 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2.

Accordingly, the present claims are considered to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 7, 8, and 10, 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Langhammer (US 6,781,408).

In response, any rejection of these claims is moot, as these claims have been amended in condition for allowance as set forth herein.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 7, and 10, as amended, are not anticipated by the cited Langhammer reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 3, 6, and 11 are dependent on independent claims 1, 4, and 10, respectively, and therefore include all of limitations of claims 1, 7, and 10, respectively, and additional limitations therein. As such, these claims are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least their respective dependence on independent claims 1, 7, and 10.

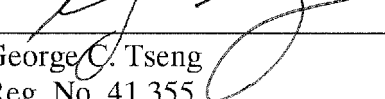
Conclusion

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. As such, allowance of the above Application is requested.

If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

The response is due on January 13, 2011. Please charge any additional fees and credit any overpayment to our **Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 033163-00913**. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

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